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Press Release

CELEBRATING THE DIFFERENCES AT CRC

Students from around the world helped celebrate Equality and Diversity Week at Cambridge Regional College with an exhibition of music, food and traditions.



More than a dozen different countries were represented at the event, with students from as far afield as China, Thailand and Saudi Arabia taking the opportunity to explain more about their homes and traditions.

During the week, exhibitions on the campus focused on different faiths, cultures and abilities, illustrating the diverse nature of the College community.

The College's v volunteers – part of a national Government-backed volunteering programme – also took photographs of students for a display exploring people's differences. They appeared alongside pictures of celebrities with hidden disabilities, including Cameron Diaz, who suffers from Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

But the highlight was international day, when hundreds of students thronged the Mall as the College's international community cooked up treats from their home countries and explained more about their traditions.

Among the overseas nations with students at the event were Brazil, South America, Spain, Lithuania, Turkey, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Hungary, Portugal and Libya.

Penny Buckingham, CRC's Tutorial Manager, and one of the people behind the event, said it had been a great success.

"The international students wanted to let everyone know more about their home countries, and organised a fantastic event. Their stands in the Mall attracted hundreds of students and there was a great atmosphere," she said.

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MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Cambridge Regional College is the second largest provider of full-time education for 16 to 19 year-olds in the Eastern Region. The College has around 3,500 full-time and around 6,000 part-time students. Students come in from a 40-mile radius, covering Cambridge and its surrounding villages, eastern Bedfordshire, northern Essex and western Suffolk.

Over 80 per cent of full-time students are aged 16 to 18 years old and come to the College after secondary school; the rest are mature students, studying on a range of Access to Higher Education and vocational programmes. The College offers the largest and most comprehensive range of vocational courses in Cambridgeshire, and has one of the largest Train to Gain contracts in the Eastern Region.